8% per annum growth of Gross Domestic Product and remaining two crore will come from special employment generation programmes.

Statement

Number of educated jobseekers (10th standard and above) on the Live Register of Employment Exchanges in Andhra Pradesh as on 31-12-2005

CATEGORY	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL
SSC	656373	229099	885472
INTER	283658	102546	386204
GRADUATES	214910	75349	290259
TYPIST/STENOS	89831	58665	148496
DIPLOMA HOLDERS	41948	9911	51859
ITI	170012	8786	178798
TEACHERS	46747	26549	73296
OTHER EDUCATION	62771	47152	109923
UNSKILLED	130701	36102	166803
POST GRADUATES	65536	19367	84903
TOTAL:	1762487	613526	2376013

Review of labour laws

†380. PROF. ALKA BALRAM KSHATRIYA: Will the Minister of LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the existing labour laws are not in consonance with today's need;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether in view of increasing industrial disputes and industrial development, Government propose to review the said labour laws; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and by when the review work is likely to be completed?

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LABOUR AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRA SEKHAR SAHU): (a) to (d) Review/ updation of labour laws is an ongoing process in order to bring them in tune with the emerging needs. Efforts are made to make the required changes in the labour laws by the Government after detailed consultations with the social partners with a view to harmonize the interests of all stakeholders.

Projects awaiting sanction by CAPART

381. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that more than 800 project sent by NGOs in Tamil Nadu to Council for Advancement of People's Action and Rural Technology (CAPART) have been pending sanction for a long time;

(b) if so, the details of the projects proposals and the reasons therefor; and

(c) when decision is likely to be taken on these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c) 120 project proposals sent by NGOs from Tamilnadu are pending for sanction in CAPART as on 13.2.2006. The details of these project proposals together with the reasons for pendency are indicated in the Annexure See Appendix 207, Annexure No. 1. Decision on these pending projects will be taken after completion of required formalities.

Lowering of interest rates for SHGs.

382. SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:
SHRI MANOJ BHATTACHARYA:

Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry approached sometime back the Ministry of Finance to lower the interest rates for the Self-Help Groups of the poor engaged in the activities of economic upliftment;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the Finance Ministry's reaction in this regard?